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SUBJECT: LORAN-C/CLARINET PILGRIM

REFS: (A) OSLO 3147; (B) OSLO 3135; (C) STATE 154237

1. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO CONCUR IN GON'S REFERRAL TO USG POSITION (REF C) IN ITS REPORT TO STORTING COMMITTEE OR IN ANY OTHER CONTEXT GON WISHES TO CITE OUR VIEWS. USG ALSO COMPLETELY ENDORSES MOD UNDERSECRETARY HOLST'S STATEMENT ON CLARINET PILGRIM (REF A).

2. THE NY TID QUOTE REPORTED IN OSLO 3048 CONCERNING SPECIAL PURPOSE SYSTEMS CAME FROM AN UNCLASSIFIED REPORT OF 1975 HEARINGS BEFORE A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE (COPY OF APPLICABLE PORTION POUCHED SEPARATELY). THE QUOTED LINE IS AN EXCERPT FROM THE DOD SUMMARY PLAN ON RADIO NAVIGATION SYSTEMS, JULY 1974,
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CONTAINING COMMENTS ON MILITARY NAVIGATION SYSTEMS AND PLANNING OBJECTIVES FOR IMPROVEMENTS.

3. CHARACTERIZATION OF LORAN-C AS A SPECIAL PURPOSE SYSTEM WAS PROBABLY ONLY AN UNFORTUNATE CARRY-OVER FROM THE TIME OF ITS EARLIER DEVELOPMENT. THE INITIAL NEED FOR AND

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APPLICATION OF LORAN-C WAS TO PROVIDE MORE PRECISE POSITIONING INFORMATION FOR A SPECIFIC WEAPON SYSTEM, AND WAS PROPERLY IDENTIFIED AS SPECIAL PURPOSE AT THAT TIME. NOW, HOWEVER, THE LORAN-C SYSTEM HAS MUCH BROADER APPLICATIONS AND IS UNIVERSALLY AVAILABLE AS NAVIGATION AID TO MILITARY AND CIVIL SHIPS, AIRCRAFT AND LAND-BASED INSTALLATIONS. SINCE LORAN-C SUPPORTS ALL THOSE ACTIVITIES BY PROVIDING POSITIONING INFORMATION, AND IS NOT NOW LIMITED TO ANY GIVEN WEAPON SYSTEM, IT CAN ONLY BE PROPERLY CONSIDERED GENERAL PURPOSE IN NATURE.

4. THE CLARINET PILGRIM COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY WOULD NOT ALTER OR OTHERWISE AFFECT THE BASIC FUNCTION OF THE LORAN-C SYSTEM. VANCE

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